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II. Replies received from Governments

Trinidad and Tobago

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Trinidad and Tobago was the main sponsor of General Assembly resolutions 65/69, 67/48 and 68/33 on women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control, adopted by consensus by the Assembly in 2010, 2012 and 2013, respectively.

International efforts

- Trinidad and Tobago convened a high-level side event on 25 September 2012 in the margins of the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly that provided an opportunity to expand the discourse on women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control.
- The publication *Forces of Change: Profiles of Latin American and Caribbean Women Combating Illicit Trafficking in Small Arms* was launched at the side event on women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control.

Regional efforts

The following regional seminars and conferences were hosted to provide disarmament and arms control training to security personnel, including women:

- July 2010: United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean: firearms destruction and stockpile management assistance package for Caribbean States
- April and October 2011 and April 2012: Inter-institutional training course on combating trafficking in firearms, ammunition and explosives
- June 2012: Regional round table on combating trafficking in small arms and light weapons through strengthened border controls
- March 2013: Bioresponse workshop in collaboration with the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism
- April 2013: Three-day workshop on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004)
- June 2013: National armoury management training course and launch of the Caribbean Regional Armoury Management Training Centre in an effort to manage and secure national weapons stockpiles
- November 2013: A regional armoury management training course for Caribbean States
- April 2014: Annual General Meeting and Conference of the Association of Caribbean Commissioners of Police
- May 2014: Eighteenth Joint Meeting of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Standing Committees of Commissioners of Police and Military Chiefs.

Colombia*

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The High Commissioner for Peace stated that gender is a cross-cutting element in all negotiations between the Government and the Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia-Ejército del Pueblo (FARC-EP) and highlighted the establishment of a subcommittee on gender for the accords, which include a gender perspective.

In addition, the Ministry of Defence noted the following advances in the area of gender equity: (1) the post of Senior Presidential Advisor on Gender Equity was created; and (2) a comprehensive policy framework was established that provides for the recognition of sexual and reproductive rights, the prevention of violence and aggression and the equal exercise of political (the Quota Act), social and cultural rights, among other important provisions.

With respect to ways of promoting the role of women in disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control, we suggest that (1) representatives of women's groups and associations be included in discussion panels and programmes on the topic; (2) advisory boards be established within national and international disarmament programmes, in coordination with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women); and (3) military observatories for gender equality be promoted as entities providing technical and administrative support for the inclusion of women in such programmes.

* The full text of the information provided by the Government of Colombia is available on the website of the Office for Disarmament Affairs (www.un.org/disarmament/gender). An executive summary was provided for inclusion in the present report.